

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BUILDING STATISTICS, 1952.

The Statistical Department collects information in respect to building operations from 2 sources.

A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS (see Bulletin No. 2)

Since 1911, particulars have been collected from Cities, Corporations and District Councils of permits granted by them for the erection of houses and other buildings and also alterations and additions. These permits include Housing Trust operations but not purely Government buildings. Particulars of Government buildings authorized are obtained from the Departments concerned. Certain particulars for the last 3 years are shown in Bulletin No. 2 attached and some also are summarised as follows:-

METROPOLITAN AREA - Number. Permits were granted during the year 1952 (1951 in parentheses) for 6,538 (6,422) private dwellings. The greatest number recorded in earlier years was 3,543 in 1926.

Included in the 6,538 (6,422) new dwellings were 30 (87) homes in 5 (11) flats, 80 (878) homes in 40 (439) maisonettes &c. and 6,428 (5,456) ordinary dwellings. Other New Buildings totalled 378 (318). Alterations and additions 10,823 (9,785). 26 (34) old houses were converted into 68 (70) flats, resulting in an increase of 42 (36) homes - these are not counted as new buildings, but as alterations. There were 3 (-) Government dwellings authorised for the Metropolitan Area.

VALUE. The estimated total value of permits and authorisations for all new buildings and alterations was £19,018,129 (£16,372,731). Values of New Private Dwellings were £14,015,377 (£10,973,286). Other New Buildings £1,327,039 (£1,147,713), Alterations, etc. £2,493,125 (£2,282,848) Government Buildings £1,182,588 (£1,968,884).

COUNTRY. Permits, etc. for dwellings in Country areas totalled 1,932 (1,848) and the value of all building operations £5,655,518 (£4,726,773).

B. RETURNS FROM BUILDERS (see Bulletin No. 3)

In normal years, permits issued gave a reasonably accurate picture of building operations but with the shortage of materials and manpower it was realised that some buildings were not commenced although permits had been granted for them. Further, there was a much longer time in completing the buildings.

From 1st July, 1945, returns have been obtained from building contractors and from home builders showing the number of buildings completed each quarter and the number still under construction. These are not allocated to districts. In conformity with the practice throughout Australia, the particulars are shown in Bulletin No. 3 for years ended 30th June, (and also for the last 6 months).

Although the details are published for financial years, it is of interest to compare completions of houses during calendar years:- 1946 1,669; 1947 2,759; 1948 3,420; 1949 4,473; 1950 6,041; 1951 6,944; 1952 8,824.

During the 7 years 1946 to 1952 permits were granted for 42,630 houses, exclusive of 2,284 Emergency houses for which permits are not required. Of these only 34,130 were completed but there were 6,892 still under construction. It would thus appear that nearly 4,000 houses for which permits had been granted had not been commenced but, of course, some of the later ones will be commenced during 1953. Some of the permits relate to week-end shacks which are not included in particulars of houses actually built.

The number of houses completed for 1952 is a record, being 8,824 compared with 6,944 in 1951. The number still under construction is 6,892 compared with 7,020 in December, 1951.

## STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## BUILDING PERMITS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES, 1952.

## PARTICULARS FOR EACH DISTRICT IN METROPOLITAN AREA.

District	Permits for Dwellings			Value of all new buildings including alterations		
	1950	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952
	No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
Adelaide	1	3	—	415,264	461,993	584,390
Brighton	387	390	240	683,089	828,247	651,353
Burnside	302	385	285	642,091	908,219	1,006,907
Campbelltown	354	234	234	564,044	459,041	555,501
Col. Light Gardens	4	3	—	12,376	13,937	9,844
Enfield	1,500	1,350	1,743	2,106,190	2,420,882	4,002,296
Glenside	94	70	70	204,987	195,833	248,453
Henley & Grange	71	79	77	150,379	163,349	204,798
Hindmarsh	32	28	30	103,583	133,722	178,459
Mensington & Norwood	13	14	12	65,293	68,484	160,295
Marion	675	1,184	1,579	1,044,968	1,956,856	3,456,799
Mitcham	605	523	512	1,031,056	1,127,976	1,391,472
Payneham	142	153	103	245,179	329,919	279,787
Port Adelaide	312	273	222	654,680	985,336	694,294
Prospect	168	106	65	309,361	285,727	254,738
St. Peters	25	20	7	76,645	95,131	51,903
Thebarton	7	8	3	58,132	141,844	50,606
Unley	86	87	62	208,850	289,127	237,874
Walkerville	25	12	11	61,753	68,304	63,154
West Torrens	658	551	436	1,208,821	1,278,401	1,302,627
Woodville	1,088	949	847	1,806,611	2,191,519	2,449,991
Total - Private	6,549	6,422	6,538	11,653,352	14,403,847	17,835,541
Government	—	—	3	972,888	1,968,384	1,182,588
GRAND TOTAL	6,549	6,422	6,541	12,626,240	16,372,731	19,018,129

## COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

Corporation						
Gawler	35	52	55	44,815	87,416	84,533
Mt. Gambier	162	132	118	267,766	300,007	271,605
Murray Bridge	51	55	31	109,431	111,646	104,064
Naracoorte	33	28	26	57,635	70,987	61,888
Port Augusta	129	35	79	188,538	61,729	141,360
Port Lincoln	95	71	142	156,072	151,936	333,032
Port Pirie	111	119	77	205,716	251,363	192,802
Whyalla	98	66	14	173,920	139,024	52,831
Victor Harbour	47	28	25	73,026	57,110	64,127
District Councils						
Millicent	47	19	16	74,015	30,770	49,085
Mount Barker	39	12	15	71,806	25,235	27,235
Noarlunga	104	90	96	90,135	107,338	131,624
Salisbury	88	131	317	126,504	188,800	782,150
All Other	511	743	559	885,790	1,389,024	1,255,282
Total Private	1,550	1,581	1,570	2,525,169	2,972,435	3,551,618
Government	183	267	362	946,155	1,754,338	2,103,900
GRAND TOTAL	1,733	1,848	1,932	3,471,324	4,726,773	5,655,518
TOTAL STATE	8,282	8,270	8,473	16,097,564	21,099,504	24,673,647

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ADELDAIDE,  
14th March, 1953.



Kind of Building		BUILDINGS COMPLETED (c)						Under Constrn. 31/12/52 (7)	Jobs Commenced Dec. Qr., 1952 (incl. in cols. 6 or 7)
		Year 1947-48 (1)	Year 1948-49 (2)	Year 1949-50 (3)	Year 1950-51 (4)	Year 1951-52 (5)	July to Dec. 1952. (6)		
HOUSES -- Brick, Stone &c.	a No.	2,377	2,885	3,428	3,834	4,272	2,433	3,195	850
	b No.	286	464	591	869	1,290	741	1,638	324
Fibro Cement	a No.	233	444	622	1,042	1,153	627	241	119
	b No.	59	101	86	155	238	152	244	96
Weatherboard & Other	a No.	51	75	143	182	694	850	1,433	465
	b No.	5	22	37	45	66	27	35	12
FLATS -- Dwelling Units	a No.	-	6	-	-	-	12	102	2
INSTITUTIONS ETC.	a No.	7	6	9	11	2	1	4	2
TOTAL DWELLINGS ETC. (inc. Emergency)	a No.	2,668	3,416	4,202	5,669	6,121	3,923	4,975	1,438
	b No.	350	587	714	1,069	1,594	920	1,917	432
	a b £000	3,415	5,227	7,316	10,680	14,985	11,450	17,540	4,969
FACTORIES	a No.	95	73	65	52	73	32	34	8
	£000	431	473	647	273	442	286	3,448	76
OTHER NEW BUILDINGS	a No.	120	236	175	268	297	236	126	86
	£000	233	782	1,110	1,089	2,695	1,356	2,956	339
TOTAL NEW BUILDINGS	a b No.	3,233	4,312	5,156	7,058	8,085	5,111	7,052	1,964
	a b £000	4,079	6,482	9,073	12,042	18,122	13,092	23,944	5,384

a. By Building Contractors.

b. By home builders

c. Excluding 265 Army Huts converted in 1946-47 and 1947-48. x

## ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS ON 17TH DECEMBER, 1952

Contractors &amp; Sub Contractors 1,961, Wage Earners 8,015, Total 17.12.52 - 9,976; 30.6.52 - 10,371; 30.6.51 - 10,168.

The following tradesmen were included above: Carpenters 3,275, Bricklayers 1,338, Painters 1,000, Electricians 378, Plumbers 819, Building Laborers 1,815, Other 1,351, Total 9,976.

x Excluding those engaged only in minor repairs etc. and own home builders.

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4th March, 1953.